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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RENE AGREES TO VISITS BY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT

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1. SEYCHELLES' PRESIDENT FRANCE ALBERT RENE, ASSURED ME IN
JUNE 28 PRIVATE MEETING, WHICH FOLLOWED COURTESY CALL BY
COMMANDING OFFICER OF VISITING USN SHIP, THAT HE HAS "ABSOLUTELY
NO OBJECTION" TO CONTINUED USE OF SEYCHELLES AIRPORT BY USAF
AND USN AIRCRAFT.

2. SUBJECT AROSE DURING DISCUSSION OF NUMBER OF TOPICS INCLUDING

US/SOVIET TALKS ON INDIAN OCEAN (STATE 142360). I FELT OUR CON-
VERSATION DEVELOPED IN PARTICULARLY POSITIVE WAY AND USED OPPOR-
TUNITY TO REVIEW BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING ON SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT VISITS
WHICH PERTAINED DURING PREVIOUS REGIME. RENE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE
HAD RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED OF PLANNED JUNE 7 P-3 AIRCRAFT VISIT
AND SAID U.S. COULD "CARRY ON JUST AS BEFORE." IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTION, I TOLD RENE THAT VISITS BY US NAVY OR AIR FORCE PLANES
WOULD BE FOR PRIMARY PURPOSES OF REFUELING AND CREW REST AND MIGHT
REQUIRE AIRCRAFT TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT. ON THIS POINT ALSO, RENE
GAVE HIS UNQUALIFIED CONCURRENT.

3. RENE THEN REQUESTED, IN ADDITION TO SUBMISSION OF DIP-
LOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING CLEARANCE FOR EACH PROPOSED VISIT,
THAT I ORALLY INFORM MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS
BERLOUIS OF DATES WHEN EACH VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE. REASON
FOR THIS WAS TO AVOID ANY "MISUNDERSTANDING". (COMMENT: THIS,
I BELIEVE, WAS REFERENCE TO LAST MINUTE INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL
CONFUSION WHICH AROSE LAST WEEK OVER THE CLEARED ARRIVAL OF
LOCKHEED ELECTRA ON PROJECT MONEX MISSION.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW PRESIDENT RENE APPROVAL OF US
MILITARY AIRCRAFT VISITS, RECOMMEND INITIAL P-3 VISIT TAKE
PLACE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY CONSONANT WITH OPERATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS.
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